(b) whether this task force would work to close consultation with his Ministry and would give its recommendations to Foreign Secretary; and

(c) if so, to what extent setting up of this task force would be helpful in meeting the complex negotiations on the 123 Agreement with the US on the right to reprocess spent fuel?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A task force was set up by Ministry of External Affairs to review India's existing position on disarmament and non-proliferation issues and to make recommendations in the light of India's status as a nuclear-weapon state, India's security interests, present international realities and possible developments. The task force has submitted its Report to Foreign Secretary.

(c) The task force was not mandated to deal with the issues related to the 123 Agreement with the United States.

Chinese intrusion in India

471. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China refuses to recognize the Mac Mohan Line as the border between India and China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of Chinese intrusions have been taking place particularly in the State of the Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of such intrusions and the initiatives taken by Government to resovle the same?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the gound that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly take up such perceived violations along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including the Joint Working Group, the Expert Group, border personnel meetings, flag meetings and normal diplomatic channels.

Both sides have also agreed to an early clarification of the LAC. The Joint Declaration issued during the visit of Chinese President to India in November last year stated, "It was agreed to complete the process of exchanging maps indicating their respective perceptions of the entire alignment of the LAC on the basis of already agreed parameters as soon as possible."

Deputation to foreign countries

472. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government employees posted on deputation to foreign countries in the Indian embassies;

(b) the norms for such selection; and

(c) whether Government are giving adequate representation to employees and the officers belonging to SC, ST and minority?